

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 14, 25 and new claims 26 and 27 are pending. The support for the amendments and new claims are as follows: claim 1: (claim 15); new claim 26: (claims 1 and 18); and new claim 27: (claims 1, 20, 23 and 24). No new matter has been added.

Claims 3, 4, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15, 18, 20, 23 and 24 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. (Office Action p.3)

Claims 15, 18, 20, 23, and 24 have been written in independent form and the remaining claims have been canceled. Accordingly, all claims should now be allowed.

Claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 16, 17, 19, 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 2001/0017819. (Office Action page2)

The allowable subject matter of claim 15 has been added to claim 1 and all remaining claims have been canceled, making this rejection now moot.

Claims 2, 14 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 2001/0017819. (Office Action page 2)

Claims 2, 14 and 25 now depend from claim 1 which contains the allowable subject matter of claim 15, making this rejection now moot.

In view of the above amendments, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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